



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3030

Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
on October 1, 2003*

SUMMARY

H.R. 3030 would reauthorize programs created under the Community Services Block Grant Act. These programs are currently authorized through October 31, 2003, by the Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-84).

CBO estimates that authorizations under the bill would total \$679 million in 2004 and about \$4.3 billion over the 2004-2009 period, assuming that annual levels are adjusted for inflation when specific amounts are not provided. (Without such inflation adjustments, the authorizations would total about \$4 billion over the 2004-2009 period.) CBO estimates that appropriations of the authorized levels would result in outlays of \$3.9 billion over the 2004-2009 period, if inflation adjustments are included (and about \$3.6 billion without inflation adjustments).

H.R. 3030 does not contain any intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3030, with inflation adjustments, is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Spending Under Current Law							
Budget Authority ^a	670	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	669	321	34	7	0	0	0
Proposed Changes:							
Community Services Block Grant							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	657	670	684	698	714	729
Estimated Outlays	0	342	631	670	690	705	721
Community Food and Nutrition Programs							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	7	8	8	8	8	8
Estimated Outlays	0	4	7	8	8	8	8
Youth Sports							
Authorization Level	0	15	15	15	15	15	15
Estimated Outlays	0	8	14	15	15	15	15
Total Proposed Changes							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	679	692	707	721	737	752
Estimated Outlays	0	353	652	692	713	728	744
Total Spending Under H.R. 3030							
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	670	679	692	707	721	737	752
Estimated Outlays	669	674	686	699	713	728	744

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. The 2003 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the Community Services Block Grant, Community Food and Nutrition, and Youth Sports programs.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes H.R. 3030 will be enacted this fall and that the estimated authorization amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. The estimated outlays reflect CBO's current assumptions about spending patterns in the authorized programs.

H.R. 3030 would reauthorize programs created under the Community Service Block Grant Act. Both the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Community Food and Nutrition programs would be reauthorized at such sums as may be necessary for 2004 through 2009.

In the CSBG and Community Food and Nutrition programs, CBO's estimate of authorized levels is the 2003 appropriated amount inflated in later years. The Youth Sports program has a specified authorization level of \$15 million annually.

CBO estimates that H.R. 3030 would authorize the appropriation of \$679 million in 2004, assuming that the 2003 amounts for the CSBG and Community Food and Nutrition programs are adjusted for inflation. CBO estimates that the bill would authorize total funding of \$4.3 billion over the 2004-2009 period, assuming inflation adjustments. Appropriation of the authorized amounts would result in outlays of \$353 million in the first year and \$3.9 billion over the six-year period. (Without inflation adjustments, the increased authorizations would result in outlays of \$3.6 billion over the six years.)

Community Services Block Grant Program

The CSBG program provides grants to states to provide a range of services to reduce poverty, including employment assistance, education, housing assistance, nutrition, energy, emergency services, health, and substance abuse assistance. CBO estimates the authorization of such sums as necessary for the CSBG program would be about \$657 million in 2004 and \$4.2 billion over the 2004-2009 period, with resulting outlays of \$3.8 billion over the six years. Funding for the program in 2003 is \$646 million.

Community Food and Nutrition Program

The Community Food and Nutrition program provides grants to private and public agencies at the state and local level to coordinate existing food assistance resources and to develop innovative approaches to meet the nutrition needs of low-income people. CBO estimates the authorization of such sums as necessary for this program would be \$7 million in 2004 and \$47 million over the 2004-2009 period, with resulting outlays of \$42 million over those six years. The program is funded at \$7 million in 2003.

Youth Sports

The Youth Sports program provides an annual grant to a national, nonprofit organization to operate the National Youth Sports program. The grantee contracts with colleges and universities to provide sports instruction and enrichment activities (career and education counseling, study skills, and drug abuse and nutrition services) to low-income youths in a summer program. The bill would reauthorize the current program at \$15 million annually for

the 2004-2009 period. Total funding for the six-year period would be \$90 million, with resulting outlays of about \$82 million over that period. The program is funded at \$17 million in 2003.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3030 does not contain any intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. States would need to continue to monitor eligible entities and assist them in developing local goals, but any costs incurred by state, local, or tribal governments would result from complying with grant conditions.

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